

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-20, and 22-24 were pending in the present patent application. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-11, 13, 19, 20 and 22-24 are rejected. Claims 9 and 14-18 are objected to. By this amendment, claims 9 and 14 have been amended, and claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-11, 13, 19, 20 and 22-24 have been canceled. This application now includes claims 9 and 14-18.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 9 and 14-18 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 9 and 14 have been modified to be in independent form, including all the limitations of the respective base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 9 and 14-18 are allowable in their present form.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-11, 13, 19, 20 and 22-24 were rejected on various grounds. Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-11, 13, 19, 20 and 22-24 without prejudice or disclaimer in order to advance the prosecution of the present application, and put the present application in condition for allowance. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matters of the canceled claims in a continuation application.

With the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-11, 13, 19, 20 and 22-24, all grounds for rejection in the present application have been removed. All now pending claims (9 and 14-18) are believed in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants believe this application to be in condition for allowance in its present form, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (317) 894-0801.

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